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### **The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund helps Crittenden County natural area grow by 4,200 acres**

**Frankfort, Ky.** (Sept. 27, 2013) - The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLCF) has provided over \$6 million to protect 4,200 acres in Crittenden County. This property will be added to the adjacent 2,500 acre Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area and State Forest directly across the Tradewater River in Union County, managed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF).

Another \$6 million was provided by the USDA Forest Legacy program and other sources. The 6,800-acre site will be managed for hunting, fishing, paddling, wildlife viewing, and other forms of passive recreation as well as to protect and enhance wildlife habitat.

"The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund is excited to partner with the KDFWR and KDF in the protection of this large, contiguous piece of forest and field. The site will provide benefits such as public-use opportunities as well as habitat for a multitude of wildlife species," says Dr. Richard Kessler, chairman of the KHLCF Board.

The KHLCF is funded in part by the sale of "Nature's Finest" license plates. With this acquisition, the Fund has now protected and conserved over 80,000 acres in 67 counties. For more information, visit the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund website at <http://heritageland.ky.gov> or contact Zeb Weese at 502-573-3080.

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